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The following statements were made by Cayetano Bramuglia, a brother of the Argentine Foreign Minister Juan Atilio Bramuglia, and considered [REDACTED] to be a moderate Socialist. [REDACTED] Comment. Cayetano Bramuglia, a lawyer, was appointed Director General of the Customs Department by the Peron regime, but was later relieved of this post. He maintains close and friendly relations with his brother, Juan.)

1. There is no opposition force in Argentina sufficiently well-organized to unseat the present government. However, the United States could bring about the downfall of the Peron regime by refusing Argentina the economic assistance it hopes to derive from international trade. The United States will, in effect, adopt such a position, and the British are in agreement with this line. England will comply strictly with the provisions of the Andes Treaty, but will do nothing further.
2. Communism has effected a more far-reaching penetration in Argentina than is generally believed and is now in a position to expand even more effectively in the future. The CPA is accorded the basic liberties, freedom of the press, and the like, for such expansion, while its deprivations through government processes have been of only secondary importance. The CPA has strengthened its position by supporting the government's project for constitutional reform, the social betterment program, and the anti-imperialist campaign. Peron, by not appreciating the extent of the Communist danger and by believing that he can suppress Communism through his social welfare program, is committing an error for which he will have to pay dearly.
3. The United States military mission, for which arrangements were recently made, will force Peron to take definite steps against Communism.

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